

JANUARY VERY DRY MONTH

For the month of January the mean temperature in Honolulu was 71 degrees, against the normal of 71.1, according to the monthly meteorological summary of William B. Stockman, section director of the weather bureau. The highest was 78 on the 14, the lowest 63 on the 18th, the greatest daily range 14 on the 16th and the least 6 on the 22nd. In twenty-two years the maximum for January was 84 and the minimum 54.

The mean relative humidity for the month was 71.6 per cent, the lowest being 58 on the 24th and 25th, and highest 82 on the 13th.

The mean atmospheric pressure was 30, the highest 30.14 on the 6th and the lowest 29.85 on the 22nd.

The total precipitation for the month was .62 inch, the greatest being .18 inch on the 13th. This is very dry, as the normal at this station for January is 3.25 inches of rain.

The prevailing direction of wind for the month was northeast, the total movement 5511 miles, the average hourly velocity 7.4 miles, the maximum velocity for five minutes 33 miles an hour from the west on the 30th.

There were 8 clear days, 15 partly cloudy, cloudy and 9 on which .01 inch or more of precipitation occurred.

Lunar rainbows occurred the 3rd and 4th. There were no solar halos and no thunderstorms.

PINECTAR STOCK INCREASE.

Tomorrow the stockholders of the Pinectar Sales Co. will hold their annual meeting. Besides hearing the reports of the year and electing new officers for the coming year, action will be taken on approving the issue of additional stock to effect the purchase of the Clark Farm Co., Ltd.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

WOODLAWN FRUIT CO., LTD.
The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Woodlawn Fruit Company, Limited, will be held at the office of its agents, C. Brewer & Company, Ltd., in Honolulu, on Friday, February 16th, 1912, at 3 o'clock P. M.

RICHARD IVERS,
Secretary.

Honolulu, February 1, 1912.
6th—Feb. 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14.

ANNUAL MEETING.

KALOPA AGRICULTURAL CO. LTD.
The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Kalopa Agricultural Company, Limited, will be held at the office of its agents, C. Brewer & Company, Ltd., in Honolulu, on Thursday, February 15th, 1912, at 3 o'clock P. M.

RICHARD IVERS,
Secretary.

Honolulu, February 1, 1912.
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ANNUAL MEETING.

PONAHAWAI COFFEE CO. LTD.
The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Ponahawai Coffee Company, Limited, will be held at the office of its agents, C. Brewer & Company, Ltd., in Honolulu, on Thursday, February 15th, 1912, at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

H. M. WHITNEY,
Secretary.

Honolulu, February 1, 1912.
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THE "Vintage"

pattern of sterling silver ware is in French gray finish, with grape design on the handle. This pattern has both weight and appearance in its favor. We invite your comparison of this pattern in price and weight with any obtained elsewhere.

H. F. Wichman & Co., Ltd.
Leading Jewelers.

JANUARY SALES ON EXCHANGE

The following is a summary of the sales of stocks and bonds during the month of January, as reported by the Honolulu Stock and Bond Exchange:

Stock	Share	High	Low
Ewa Plan Co.	1656	44 1/2	32 1/2
Hawa C & S Co.	2549	43 1/4	41 1/4
Hawa Sug Co.	80	47	46 1/2
Honokaa Agr Co.	320	12 1/2	12 1/4
Hutch S P Co.	280	22	19 1/2
Kakahu Plan Co.	5	19 1/2	19 1/4
Kekaha Sug Co.	5	225	225
McBryde Sug Co.	4985	8 1/2	7 1/2
Oahu Sug Co.	5296	36 1/2	34 1/2
Onomea Sug Co.	230	48 1/4	47 1/4
Olua Sug Co.	4698	6 1/2	5 1/2
Panahau S P Co.	100	25 1/2	25 1/4
Pala Plan Co.	5	171	171
Pioneer Mill Co.	713	242	229
Waialua Agr Co.	1359	129	125
Mut Tel Co.	10	18	18
Oahu Ry & L Co.	94	145	142
Hilo R R Co.	367	8 1/2	8 1/4
Hon B & M Co.	1238	23 1/2	21 1/2
Hawa Pine Co.	167	42 1/2	40
Tanjong O R Co.	16	40 1/2	40 1/4
Pahang Rub Co.	1077	20 1/2	20 1/4
Hon Gas Co.	423500	100 1/4	100 1/4
Hilo R R Co.	320000	100 1/4	100 1/4
Hilo R R Ext Co.	418000	92 1/2	91
Honokaa S Co.	4616000	104	104
Kohala D Co.	5000	100	100
McBryde S Co.	8000	100	100
Oahu R & L Co.	5616400	103 1/2	103 1/2
Olua Sugar Co.	6811000	94 1/2	94 1/2
Waialua Ag Co.	581500	103 1/2	103 1/2

CAPT. BOWERS NOW ON TRIAL

The trial of Capt. W. L. Bowers, charged with refusing to permit a board of health inspector and his gang to inspect the premises and gutters of the captain's house, began in Judge Robinson's court this morning. A jury was selected and the first and principal witness for the prosecution, Morris McMahon, was placed on the witness stand.

Attorney Lymer, the special prosecutor for the civil sanitation committee and the board of health, is conducting the case for the prosecution while E. C. Peters is appearing for the defendant.

It took considerable time to secure a jury, both the prosecution and the defense being unusually careful in their questioning of the talesmen. Several were challenged peremptorily by each side. One talesman, Ho Fon, a Chinese, stated in reply to questions that he had served on several juries. He demonstrated conclusively that he understood comparatively little of what was said to him but claimed that in previous cases he had understood at least half of what the witnesses and lawyers said. Peters wanted to know what he did with the other half. He was excused by the prosecution.

Charles Hall, Frank L. James and Oliver C. Swain were excused by the defense and David K. Hoapili and E. R. Bath by the prosecution.

The jury as finally sworn consists of David F. Thrum, Edwin P. Murray, William E. Kerr, Henry P. Roth, Hugh H. Walker, John F. Colburn 3d, Otto F. Heine, Fred J. Turner, Robert Hall, William E. Heine, Thomas T. Miles and Thomas McLean.

Mr. Lymer made an opening statement, telling the jury what he expected to prove, but Attorney Peters stated that he would reserve his opening statement until the prosecution closed its case, to see whether or not any opening statement would be necessary. It is understood that the verdict hinges principally upon a point of law, so Peters probably intends to bring that up before putting on any witnesses.

The first witness called was Morris McMahon, the inspector who is alleged to have been denied admittance by Captain Bowers. He was asked to tell his story, and stated that on January 8 he went to the house of Captain Bowers with his men and requested permission to enter the premises and make an inspection of the gutters. He was met at the gate by Captain Bowers, who approached him in a blustering manner and showed a police badge. To the request that the sanitation gang be allowed to come in he replied that he would permit nothing of the kind. A man, he said, could not be in the employ of the United States government, as McMahon was, and at the same time hold a commission from the Territory. If the inspector or his men tried to enter the yard, some one would get perforated. McMahon's testimony was interrupted a good many times by objections raised by the defense but the bulk of his evidence got before the jury.

The witness was still on the stand when the court took its noon recess.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.
(Per Merchants' Exchange.)
SAN FRANCISCO, February 2.—Arrived, 2 p. m., S. S. Persia hence January 26; sailed, schooner Defender for Hana.

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CAPTAIN ROSEHILL

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and states positively that there is no harbor there at all. There is a lagoon, but there is thick coral reef across the entrance, which effectively prevents any boats entering the lagoon. The lagoon is said to be deep enough to take any vessel that has yet been built, but the whole trouble is that only a ship's boat can get in, and that at high tide. With the expenditure of about \$1,000,000, Captain Rosehill thinks that an entrance could be made.

Captain Rosehill's Narrative.

"I called at Palmyra Island on my return from the Phoenix group in the schooner Norma in June, 1887, to get firewood," says Captain Rosehill. "I found evidence of a surveying party having landed on the island, sticks with white rags were flying in all directions and empty provision tins were scattered about where their tent had been. I found a weather-beaten board on the ground with the lettering partly obliterated. I made out enough of it to learn that the island had been taken possession of by a British man-of-war in the name of Queen Victoria. On my arrival in Honolulu I informed the late Judge W. L. Wilcox of what I had seen at Palmyra. He answered that he did not care what flag was flying over Palmyra, but that the island still belonged to him. In fact, he said that he preferred the British flag to another less red type in connection with it.

No Sign Brought Back.

"What did you do with the sign you brought back, captain?"
"Why, I never brought it back at all; the cook burnt it before I got it here. He used it for firewood. As far as I can remember now, I deciphered that someone had written on the board that the island belonged to Great Britain and trespassers were warned off.

Palmyra Discovered by American.

"How Great Britain can be said to have a claim on the island I can't see. Palmyra Island was discovered by Captain Sawle of the American ship Palmyra in 1802. He described it as fourteen miles in extent east and west, and about half that in breadth, flat, with a lagoon in its center, seven miles long, in which the tide regularly ebbed and flowed. The island was uninhabited.

"The Palmyra anchored off the northwest side of the island, three-quarters of a mile from shore, in twenty fathoms of water. Turtle were abundant, but no fresh water could be found.

Formal Possession Taken.

"Formal possession was taken of the island by the American Guano Company in 1859, and by the Hawaiian government in 1862. Captain Bent in his letter to the Minister of the Interior reported that the island was ten miles in length, and six miles in breadth. The eastern end rises about twenty feet above the level of the sea. The landing place is on the west end, and a vessel could lie in perfect safety in three fathoms of water. The trees on the island were coco-nut, pihala, and a species of koa. All kinds of vegetables would grow on the island, and he planted some beans, corn, and water-melons. He erected a dwelling-house, and also a curing house for beef-demer, leaving one white man and four Hawaiians on the island.

Position—Captain Sawle made Palmyra Island in lat. 5 deg. 51 min. N., long. 162 deg. 23 min. N., subsequently it had been made in lat. 5 deg. 49 min. N., long. 162 deg. 20 min. N., Capt. Bent placed it in lat. 5 deg. 50 min. N., long. 161 deg. 53 min. W. Probable position, lat. 5 deg. 51 min. N., long. 162 deg. 22 min. W., but the mean of all will be lat. 5 deg. 48 min. N., long. 162 deg. 15 min. W.

Samarang islets and reefs.—These were discovered by Capt. J. Scott, of H. M. S. Samarang, in 1840. He says: "These islets are a group of about fourteen or sixteen, forming a belt round an apparently shallow lagoon, and are covered with flourishing coco-nut and palm trees to the waters edge. In the centre of the eastern reef is a small dry sand bank; and the reef itself extends from the eastern islets nearly east about two miles, over which the sea breaks heavily. Another reef runs out from the western islet about a mile to the westward; what distance they run in that direction I did not ascertain, but at three miles from the breakers on the western reef I sounded in nine, eight and seven fathoms, at which time the N. W. breakers were discovered from the fore-yard. By the angles that were taken, they stretched out full nine or ten miles to the N. W. from the mainhead to run about S. E. by E. till it joined the eastern one, broken water was observed here and there along the whole line, with evident shoal water between it and the coral reef mentioned.

The True Condition.

The general belief is that there is not likely to be any international trouble over the islands. Judge Cooper has some cheap real estate that he would like to sell, but at present there are no likely purchasers.

He bought the islands cheap, only paying \$750 for them, and if he can sell them at a bit better rate all right. That is evidently what the Advertiser is trying to do for him in its search for a news story. J. W. Hayward did not offer to buy the islands at all. He merely stated that if they were under the British flag he might consider their purchase. That is different from saying that he wanted to buy them, for the British syndicate would not close the deal until it had a representative on the spot to look them over.

It went to the expense of sending Mr. Hayward all the way from Montreal to Fanning Island just to check up what Father Roulier had said in his specifications when the negotiations were begun for the sale of Fanning Island. Captain Miller took Mr. Hayward and Father Roulier down to Fanning Island in the Loka, as there is no regular communication with the island from here.

It looks at present as though there will not be any keen bidding for the islands.

SUPERVISORS

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Hong Quon—City and County to move fence three feet back and pay 50 cents a square foot for land, which will amount to \$81.

Mrs. McDowell—Will deed property in return for a concrete sidewalk the full length, and the county to pay costs of moving fence back to line.

H. Golich—Same as Mrs. McDowell.
Frank J. Dutra—Would communicate with the owner, who lives on Maui.
J. A. Magoon—Willing to deed the land required from him in exchange for a small strip of government land at Alea.

That Fire Menace.

The fire department committee reported that Allen & Robinson "will erect a legal fence enclosing their lumber yard situated on Fort street, and will employ a night watchman to keep off all undesirable persons on the premises."

Road Work for February.

The road committee presented an estimate of expenditure for February, thus:

Office and superintendence, \$755.
Maintenance of quarry, \$222.50.
Street maintenance—Stable account, \$1845; maintenance of equipment, \$677.50; street sweeping and storm sewers, \$1245; cantoniers, \$337.50; quarry, \$500; Kalakaua avenue park way fence, \$75; street repairs, \$1452.50; sprinkling streets, \$385; Prospect street, \$500; pipe house, \$525; total, \$7542.50.

Grand total, \$8500.
Unexpended balances—Nuuanu street appropriation, \$2250.96; Chinese cemetery road, \$140.12; emergency, \$194; pipe house, \$144; sprinkling, \$200. Total, \$2949.83.

Hotel Street Widening.

Bishop Trust Co., Ltd., for F. W. Damon replied to the letter of Chairman Low of the ways and means committee, relative to the widening of Hotel street. The letter said:

"The change proposed means not merely the making of a 13-foot strip off Mr. Damon's Hotel street frontage—it will take one-fifth of the total area, which may oblige us to reconstruct the entire building. With the limited area left, that is a matter which can not be decided offhand. Plans and estimates are now being considered, and we hope to be able to submit to you by Thursday forenoon at the latest an offer that will be satisfactory to your committee."

King Street Improvement.

Engineer Gere reported an estimate for scarifying and oiling portions of King street—west line of Kalakaua avenue to east curb on Kakaemoku street, \$2210.85; west line of Alapai street to east curb on Punchbowl street, \$2745.

The engineer's automobile made 972 miles in January.

Road Overseers Appointed.

Engineer Gere reported that, under ordinance No. 32, he had appointed the following named road overseers, all but Mr. Caldwell for Honolulu being the present incumbents, and requested that their salaries be voted as stated:

District of Ewa, J. H. Travis, \$140 a month.
District of Waianae, M. Meyers (honorary).
District of Waialua, Charles Kuhea, \$100.
District of Koolauloa, Andrew Adams (honorary).
District of Koolapoiki, Frank Pahia, \$75.
District of Waimanalo, George Chalmers (honorary).
District of Honolulu, J. W. Caldwell, \$175, from February 15.
The letter was referred to the road committee.

Road Committee's Powers.

Fred W. Milverton, first deputy attorney, rendered an opinion pursuant to a request, on the questions of whether the committee on roads, bridges, parks and public improvements was authorized to expend the appropriation for road purposes or whether the amount of the appropriation should be expended by the head of the road department unless otherwise ordered by the board, and whether the same committee should,

MARKET TONES DOWN ON OAHU

Considerable speculation has been indulged in as to what dividend Oahu Sugar may be expected to pay upon the increased capital, after the stock dividend of \$1,400,000 is declared, as reported yesterday will be done upon the 15th inst. A statement, apparently authentic, was passed along the street today that the new regular dividend will be one per cent per month with extras, expected to make an annual dividend of 18 per cent on the total \$5,000,000 of stock, this of course conditional upon reasonably good crops. If this much dividend is actually paid, however, it is pretty certain that the surplus of the company will have to be drawn upon, or else the price of sugar and the 1912 crop must be unusually good.

Brokers expect the new stock to sell around \$22.

Oahu showed a decided slump on the board today, selling in considerable volume at 38.75. There was apparently plenty to be had at this figure, and bids had dropped to 38.37 1/2 at close. This is quite a slump from yesterday's price of 40.25.

The market was more sensitive today than for some time past, although prices generally were maintained fairly well. It is presumed that the reported house tariff bill, cutting the sugar duty to one cent flat on all grades, has had some influence, although brokers refuse to believe now that the bill has much chance to pass the senate and still less the President. McBryde reported no sales today, but there was a bearish attitude evident in regard to it.

Olaa performed some gymnastics, selling between boards to the extent of 500 shares at 49.50 and then taking a slide to 49.37 1/2 on the exchange, with bids at 49.37 1/2.

The bull movement in connection with Pioneer still continues, the stock going up to 250 between boards. The decision to issue a heavy stock dividend, as indicated in this column yesterday, is doubtless responsible for its buoyant tendency.

Onomea continues active, over 200 shares being reported at yesterday's price of 49.50. The asking price at close was 49.75.

PIONEER TO HAVE STOCK DIVIDEND

The Pioneer Mill directors yesterday afternoon decided to recommend to the stockholders an increase in the capital stock from \$2,700,000 to \$4,000,000, with a reduction in par value of shares from \$100 to \$20 each. The stockholders will receive five shares for each eleven they now hold.

prior to the first of each month, submit to the board its estimate of expenditures for the following month.

In reply to the first the answer was in effect that the committee had no authority to expend the appropriation, its functions being those of investigating and furnishing of data. As to the second query, under the rules the committee was not specifically required to submit monthly estimates in advance, but the board could change the rules by the vote of five members if it chose.

Murray forthwith gave notice of an amendment to the rules, to require the committee to furnish such estimates. Low protested against the proposed action as discourteous to the committee, as it had already adopted the practice of giving advance estimates.

KING BROUGHT HILEA EVIDENCE

Supervising principal King is in town from Hawaii, and he has been busy on the Honolulu end of the charges against Principal Wilson of the Hilea school.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the school commissioners proceeded to Hilea, and there examined many witnesses in the matter of the alleged scandals.

Mr. King brought a copy of the typewritten evidence gathered by Messrs. Moir, King and Honer, and the manuscript has been turned over to Superintendent Pope. The details are just as bad as the first lot of charges, and equally unfit for publication.

THE STAR COOKBOOK.

Good, easy plain cooking is the main theme in the Star cookbook, though there are quite a lot of dessert recipes which have a few fads. Fourteen are for ice cream and fruit ices. A chapter on "Cooking for the Sick" has some dainty things and there are a lot of recipes for good temperance drinks. Only 25 cents.

STOCK EXCHANGE

HONOLULU STOCK EXCHANGE.

Friday, February 2, 1912.

C. Brewer & Co.	475.00	.....
Ewa Plan Co.	33.00	33.50
Hawa Agr Co.	280.00	.....
Hawa C & S Co.	43.25	.....
Honokaa Sug Co.	12.50	.....
Haiku Sug Co.	170.00	.....
Hutch S P Co.	22.12 1/2	22.25
Kahuku Plan Co.	18.00	19.50
Kekaha Sug Co.	235.03	270.00
Koloa Sugar Co.	200.00	.....
McBryde Sugar Co.	8.25	8.50
Oahu Sugar Co.	38.36 1/2	38.75
Onomea Sugar Co.	49.25	49.75
Olua Sugar Co.	6.25	6.36 1/2
Panahau S P Co.	25.50	26.50
Pacific Sugar Mill.	135.00	.....
Pala Plan Co.	170.00	.....
Pioneer Mill Co.	245.00	250.00
Waialua Agr Co.	128.00	128.50
Waimanalo S Co.	285.00	.....
Waimoe S M Co.	180.00	.....
Mutual Tel Co.	18.00	.....
Oahu R & L Co.	145.00	.....
Hon B & M Co.	22.75	23.25
Hawa Pine Co.	41.00	42.50
B S & R Co.	100.00	.....
Hon Gas Co.	100.25	.....
Hilo R R Co.	100.25	100.50
Hilo R R Ext Co.	92.50	.....
Hon R T & L Co.	68.108.00	.....
Kohala Ditch Co.	100.00	.....
McBryde Sugar Co.	100.00	.....
Mutual Tel Co.	103.50	.....
Oahu R & L Co.	103.50	.....
Oahu S Co.	103.00	.....
Olua Sug Co.	94.00	.....
Pacific S M Co.	104.50	.....
Pioneer Mill Co.	101.50	.....
Waialua Agr Co.	102.50	.....
Natomas Con Co.	93.25	93.75

MORE APPLICANTS FOR PILOT'S JOB

This afternoon at two o'clock a further examination of applicants for the position of pilot was begun in the senate chamber. Captains Bennett and Curtis, together with Marston Campbell, formed the examining board.

The examination is a thorough one, as the ability of the candidates to handle both sailing and steam vessels is being probed.

At the next meeting of the harbor commissioners the results of the examinations will be reported, when the board will proceed to appoint a successor to the late Captain Sanders, who died on the bridge of the excursion steamer Cleveland.

SECOND AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN HAWAII

A meeting of the Territorial Teachers' Association is being held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the McKinley high school. The subject is the Secondary Agricultural School about to be established in Hawaii.

The speakers are Bishop Restarick, Supt. Pope and Mr. Adams, manager of Kahuku plantation.

The discussion will be led by Mr. Baldwin, principal of Kaunahana school, and Mr. Hoyt of the Normal school.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT—TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

At Chambers—in Probate.
Order of Notice of Hearing Petition for Probate of Will.

In the Matter of the Estate of Edwin Chapin Wiggin.

A document purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Edwin Chapin Wiggin, deceased, having on the 15th day of January, A